

## **Appendix B: National Marine Debris Monitoring Program Data Card**

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Thank you for completing this data card. Please answer the questions and return to your survey director. This information will be used in The Ocean Conservancy's National Marine Debris Monitoring Program's data base to determine trends and sources of specific debris items.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

NMDMP Region \_\_\_\_\_ Survey Site \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Number \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Air Temperature \_\_\_\_\_ Wind Direction \_\_\_\_\_

Wind Speed \_\_\_\_\_ (1=no wind, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=heavy, 5=gale)

Brief Description of Weather \_\_\_\_\_

Weather Conditions from previous week: \_\_\_\_\_

Time (Beginning of Survey) \_\_\_\_\_ Time (End of Survey) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

### Safety Tips

- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Wear gloves and closed-toed shoes.          | 4. Watch out for wildlife.         |
| 2. Be careful with sharp objects and syringes. | 5. Don't lift heavy objects.       |
| 3. Stay out of dunes.                          | 6. Do not go near any large drums. |

Dead, Live and/or Entangled Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Labels: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this card to your  
survey director or mail it to:

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Figure B-1. National Debris Monitoring Program Data Card (front)

## Items Collected

You may find it helpful to work with a buddy as you clean the area, one of you picking up trash and the other taking notes. An easy way to keep track of the items you find is by making tick marks. The box is for total items; see sample below.

Example:

Balloons /// /// /// // 17

### Ocean-Based

Gloves _____	
Pl. sheets $\geq$ 1 meter _____	
Light bulbs/tubes _____	
Oil/gas containers ( $>$ 1 quart) _____	
Pipe-thread protectors _____	
Nets $\geq$ 5 meshes _____	
Traps/pots _____	
Fishing line _____	
Light sticks _____	
Rope $\geq$ 1 meter _____	
Salt bags _____	
Fish baskets _____	
Cruiseline logo items _____	
Floats/Buoys _____	

### Land-Based

Syringes _____	
Condoms _____	
Metal beverage cans _____	
Motor oil containers (1 quart) _____	
Balloons _____	
Six-pack rings _____	
Straws _____	
Tampon applicators _____	
Cotton swabs _____	

### General Sources

Plastic bags with seam $<$ 1 meter _____	
$\geq$ 1 meter _____	
Straps    Open _____	
Closed _____	
Plastic bottles: beverage _____	
food _____	
bleach/cleaner _____	
other pl. bottles _____	
Comments: _____	
_____	

Figure B-2. National Debris Monitoring Program Data Card (back)